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1. [] it was observed that buildings No 1 through 4 of the Saalfeld (M 51/J 53) barracks installation quartered infantry and artillery units and buildings No 5 through 8 tank units. The troops in the installation allegedly numbered 4,000 and were soon to be brought up to 5,000. About 25 percent of them were recruits. (1)
2. The infantry units, which were commanded by Major Dudin, (fnu), were equipped with light and medium mortars. (2) About fifteen 37-mm AT guns were observed with the artillery units.
3. It was learned [] that the tank units were equipped with 45 tanks and about ten SP guns on T-34 chassis. They were commanded by Colonel Pauluk, (fnu). (3)
4. Hardly any training activity was observed in the billeting area, but troops, up to battalion strength, were frequently seen leaving the installation to practice construction of field fortifications in the heath and at Rotor Berg. The troops were also observed digging excavations for vehicles on both sides of the Saalfeld-Langenschade highway. (4)
5. []
Major Mishok, (fnu), was identified as supply officer of the superior division headquarters which was located in Rudolstadt (M 51/J 54). (5)
6. A guard detail of one officer and ten AM wearing black-bordered red epaulets was detached daily from the Saalfeld barracks installation to the ammunition dump at Schwarza (M 51/J 53). (6)

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Comments.

- (1) The report indicates that the units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which are stationed in Saalfeld, were at the post in mid-November 1950. Although the estimate of 4,000 troops seems too high, it strengthens the previous assumption that two regiments of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, namely the 120th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 15th (Gds?) Tank SP Regt, are stationed in Saalfeld.
- (2) Major Rudin, (fnu), reportedly the commanding officer of the infantry units, is unknown. [redacted] Gds Colonel Dimitrov, (fnu), as the commanding officer of the 120th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in late October 1949. [redacted]
- (3) Colonel Pauluk, (fnu), reported to be the commanding officer of the tank units, was identified [redacted] as the commanding officer of a tank battalion, presumably of the 15th (Gds?) Tank SP Regt, which was at Ohrdruf on 1 June; and as the commanding officer of a tank unit in Saalfeld on 20 October. [redacted]
- (4) The number of tanks and SP guns observed indicates that the entire regiment is stationed in Saalfeld.
- (5) Troops practicing the construction of field fortifications were also observed at other military post, such as Potsdam and Jessau-Rossau.
- (6) Major Nishchek, (fnu), is unknown. However, the information confirms the subordination of the units in Saalfeld to the Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Rudolstadt.
- (7) The ammunition dump at Schwarza is known from previous reports.

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